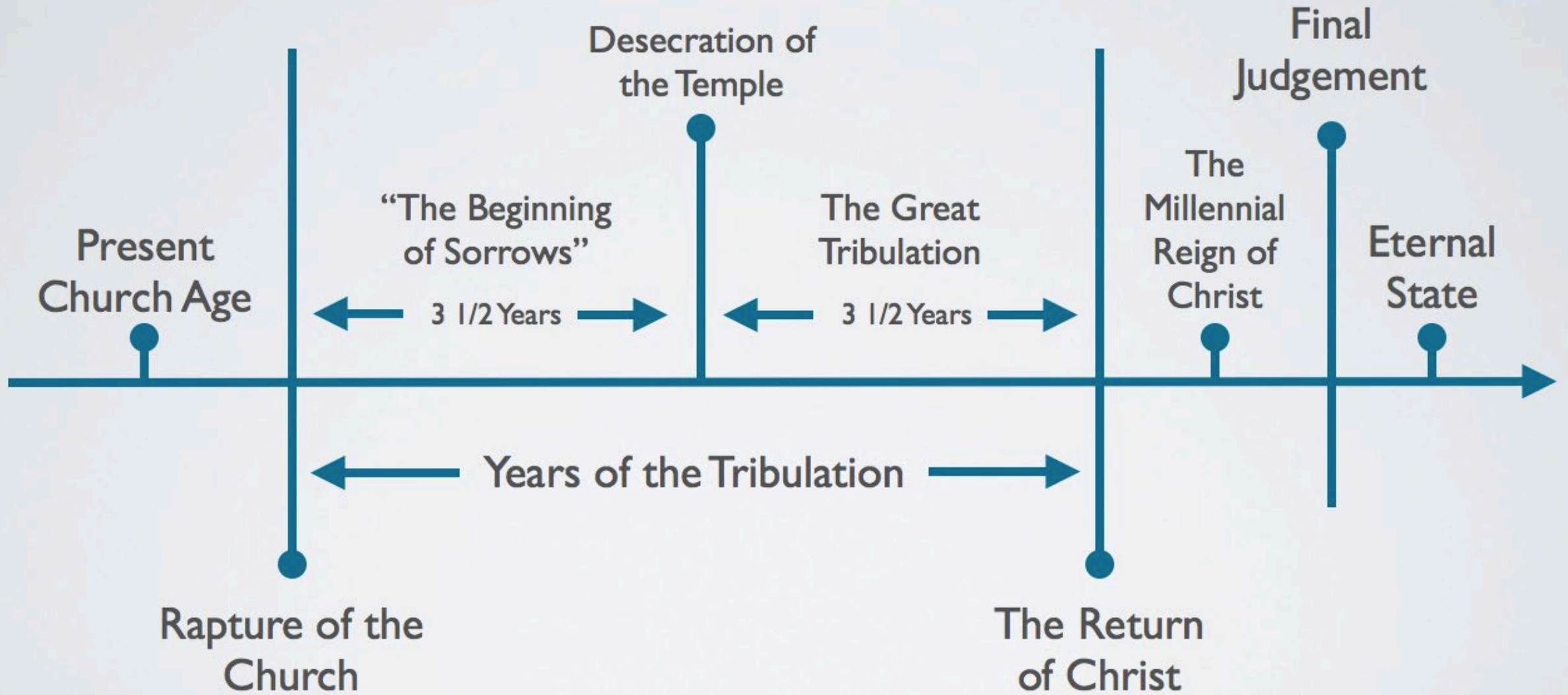


The Eternal State

Part 2

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Timeline of the End Times



The Eternal State

1. It's timing (after Theocratic Kingdom)
2. A new creation (not restoration)
3. A real place in which we will exist
4. David's Throne continues
5. What it will be like

“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts”



“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”



Differences between first creation and new creation

EDEN (Gen. 1—2)	ETERNAL STATE (Rev. 21—22)
Division between <i>light</i> and <i>darkness</i> (1:4)	No NIGHT (21:25)
Division between land and sea (1:10)	No SEA (21:1)
Sun and moon (1:16)	No sun or moon (21:23)
Garden (2:8-9)	City (21:2)
Gold in the <i>land</i> (2:12)	Gold in the CITY (21:21)
River flowing out of Eden (2:10)	River flowing from the throne (22:1)
Tree of Life in the middle of the Garden (2:9)	Tree of Life <i>throughout</i> the city (22:2)
Bdellium and onyx stone (2:12)	All manner of stones (21:19)
God walking in the Garden (3:8)	God dwelling with His people (21:3)

“And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

(24)By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, (25)and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.”



“As we passed from chapter 20 into chapter 21 of the apocalypse, therefore, we stand at the junction point between two worlds and between two kingdoms. It is the end of the ‘first’ or ‘natural’ order of things, and the beginning of the final order of things. Here also the mediatorial Kingdom of our Lord ends, not by abolition, but by its mergence into the Universal Kingdom of God. Thus, it is perpetuated forever, no longer as a separate entity, but in indissoluble union with the original Kingdom of God from which it sprang.”

What will happen is succinctly described in St. Paul's classic passage on the subject: 'Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule And all authority and power... and when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all' (1 Cor. 15:24,28). This does not mean the end of our Lord's regal activity, but rather that from here onward

in the unity of the Godhead He reigns with the Father as eternal Son. There are no longer two thrones, one His Messianic Throne and the other the Father's Throne, as our Lord indicated in Revelation 3:21. In the final Kingdom there is but one throne, and it is 'the throne of God and of the Lamb' (22:3)." (McClain)

Describing the Eternal State

1. Not the same as the Millennial Kingdom
2. It's theologically significant
3. What's missing
4. What's there
5. What living there will be like

Distinctions between Kingdom and Eternal State

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (Rev. 20:1-10)	ETERNAL STATE (Rev. 21—22)
This earth (Gen. 13:7)	New earth (21:1)
Seas and Waters (Gen. 15:18-21)	No sea (Rev. 21:1)
Rebellion (Zech. 14:16-18)	No rebellion (Rev. 21:4)
Tribes receive land (Ez. 47)	Tribes' names on gates (Rev. 21:12)
Sin (Ze. 45:22)	No sin (Rev. 21:4)
Temple (Ez. 40—46)	No temple (Rev. 21:22)
Jesus rules with rod of iron (Ps. 2:6-8)	No rod necessary (Rev. 21:8)
Death (Isa. 65:20)	No death (Rev. 21:4)
Sun and its light (Isa. 30:26)	Son and His light (Rev. 21:23; 22:5)

Theological Significance of the Eternal State

1. Reminds us that evil is finite
2. Not a dispensation
3. Greater than the Millennial Kingdom

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The Bible's Description of the Coming Kingdom

- 1) The Lord Himself will establish it (Dan. 2:44-45)
- 2) Begins the eternal reign of Jesus (Dan. 7:27)
- 3) Jesus will rule *personally/directly* (Zech. 9:9-10)
- 4) Earthly (Zech. 14:9)
- 5) Land promises fulfilled (Gen. 15:18-21)
- 6) Israel will be preeminent (Isa. 2:2-3)
- 7) Millennial Temple (Ez. 40—46)
- 8) David *resurrected and ruling* (Jer. 30:9)
- 9) Righteousness will fill the whole earth (Isa. 9:6-7)

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- 10) Curse (Gen. 3) greatly diminished
- 11) Worldwide peace (Isa. 2:4)
- 12) Worldwide prosperity (Amos 9:13-14)
- 13) Geographic/topographic changes (Ez. 47:1-12)
- 14) Physical healing (Isa. 35:5-6)
- 15) Prayer answered now! (Isa. 65:24)
- 16) Lasts for a literal one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-7)

Missing from the Eternal State

1. Satan (Rev. 20:10)
2. Sea (Rev. 21:1)
3. Death, crying, pain (Rev. 21:4)
4. Temple (Rev. 21:22)
5. Moon (Rev. 21:23)
6. Night (Rev. 21:25)
7. Evil (Rev. 21:27)
8. Curse (Rev. 22:3)
9. Sun (Rev. 22:5)

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”



What's In The Eternal State

1. God Himself (Rev. 21:23)
2. God's glory (Rev. 21:23)
3. God's holiness (Rev. 21:27)
4. God's people (Heb. 12:22-23)
5. God's city (Rev. 21:2)

Rev. 21:23 (ESV)

"And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light."

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God's Holy City

1. Comes from heaven (Rev. 21:2)
2. Has a name (Rev. 21:2)
3. Specific dimensions (Rev. 21:16)
4. Has a wall (Rev. 21:12,16-17)
5. Has gates (Rev. 21:12)
6. Has foundation stones (Rev. 21:14)

Gal. 4:26 (ESV)

“But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.”

John 14:2 (ESV)

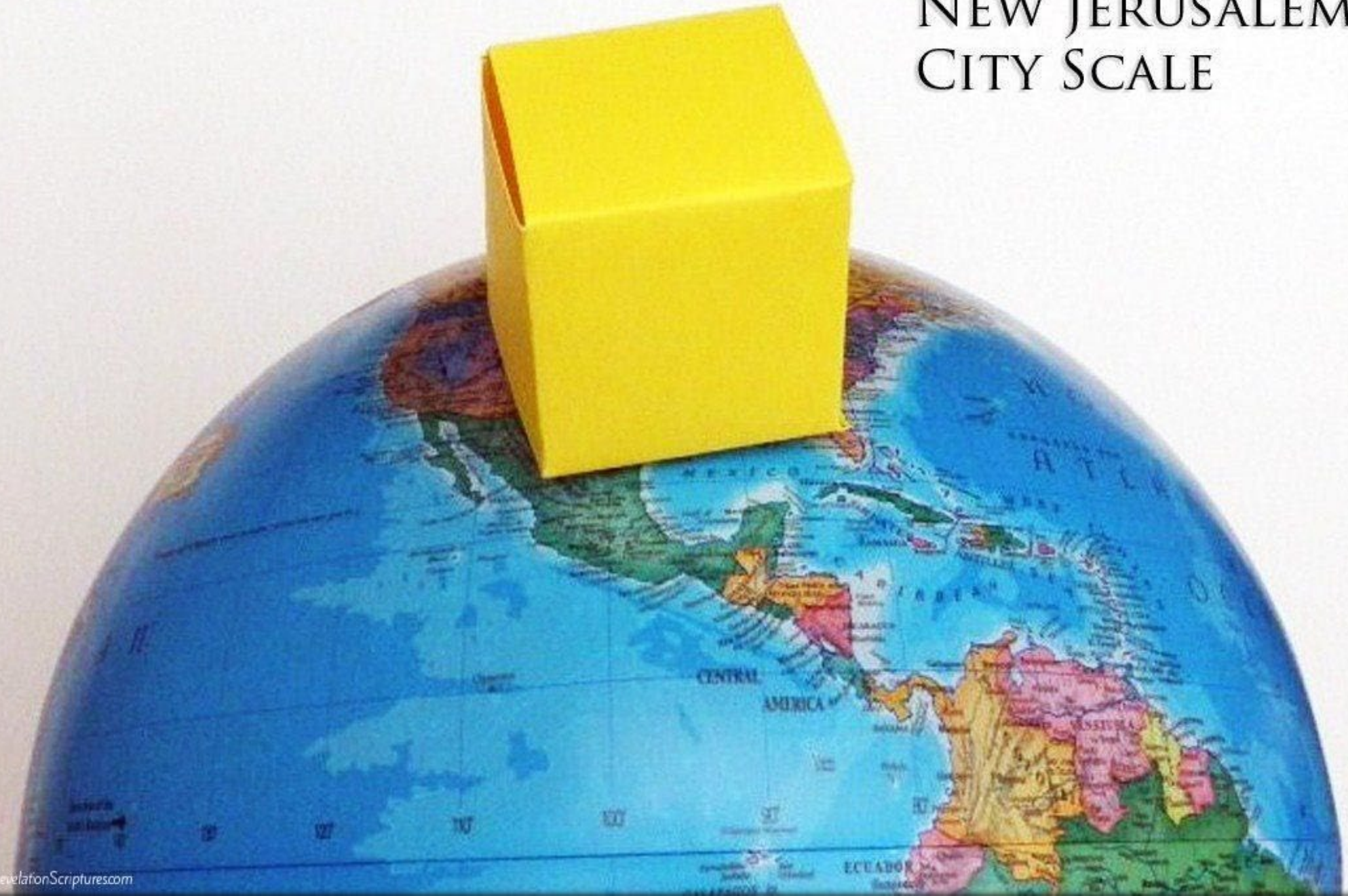
“In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”

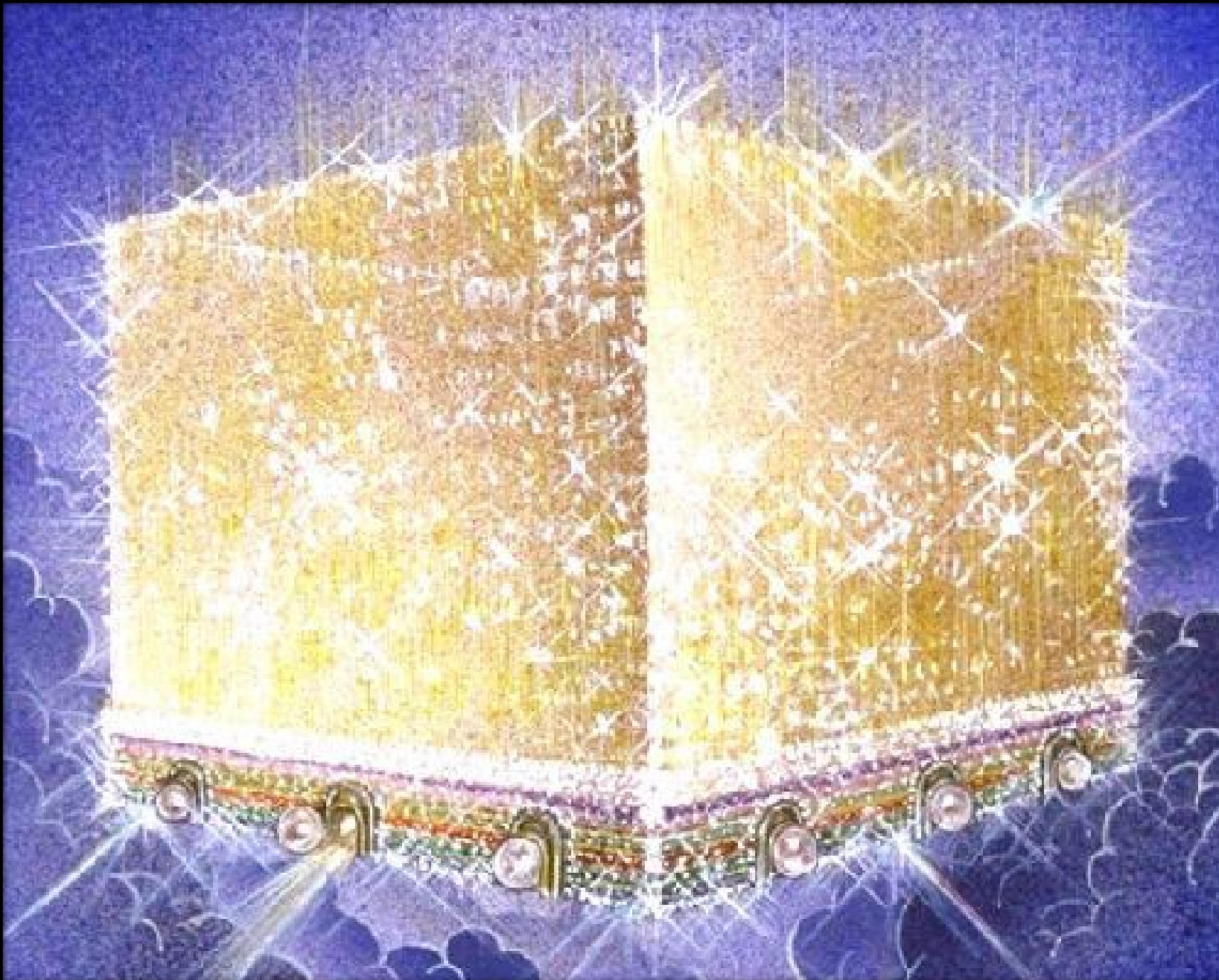


“The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. (17) He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement.



NEW JERUSALEM CITY SCALE





Rev. 21:12 (ESV)

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